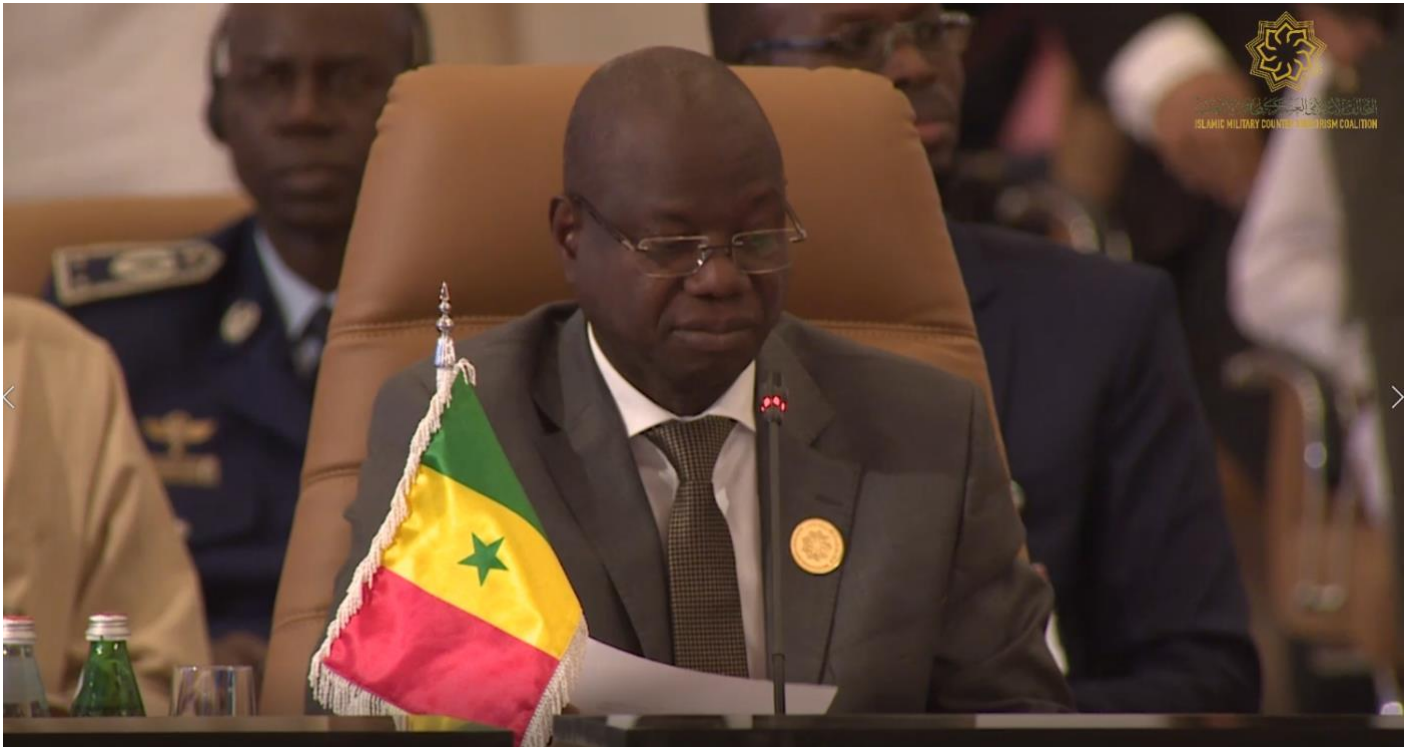


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Republic of Senegal

Your Royal Highness Mohammed bin Salman Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia,

Your Excellences the Ministers, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure to participate in this important meeting, which brings us together to address the two scourges of modern times that have profoundly destabilized society at large, terrorism and extremism.

First, I would like to extend brotherly greetings from President Macky Sall to his friend and brother King Salman bin Abdul-Aziz Al Saud, the Custodian of the two Holy Mosques, and to His Royal Highness Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who he also asked for me to convey his warm congratulations for this important event.

Moreover, I would like to thank, on behalf of all the Senegalese delegation, the Saudi authorities for their hospitality and attention the received upon our arrival to the holy land.

Our meeting takes place in very distinct circumstances, which is marked by a global surge of extremism and terrorism. This menace, as you know, diverts our youth, decimates our populations, hinders the development of our societies, and significantly threatens global peace and security.

What has happened recently in Egypt, goes against all human consciousness. I would like to take this opportunity to represent the people of Senegal and express our sincerest condolences to the Egyptian people.

The scale of this growing phenomenon in the international community has made our states vulnerable, and obliged to work together to confront this threat. This requirement is well understood

by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, who spearheaded this initiative to lead the Coalition in order to unite our efforts for the sole purpose of ensuring peace and security of our states and the future of our populations.

We welcome this noble initiative, Senegal, through me, reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the coalition and will not be negligent in working for its full success.

Thank you for your kind attention.